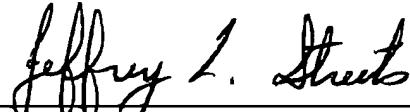


The amendments to the specification, set out above, are intended to more closely conform the specification to Figure 1 of the formal drawings which were submitted on May 10, 2000. Like the drawings, the amendments to the specification find substantive support in the specification, including the originally filed claims. Specifically, the amendments find support in original claim 1, lines 6-9.

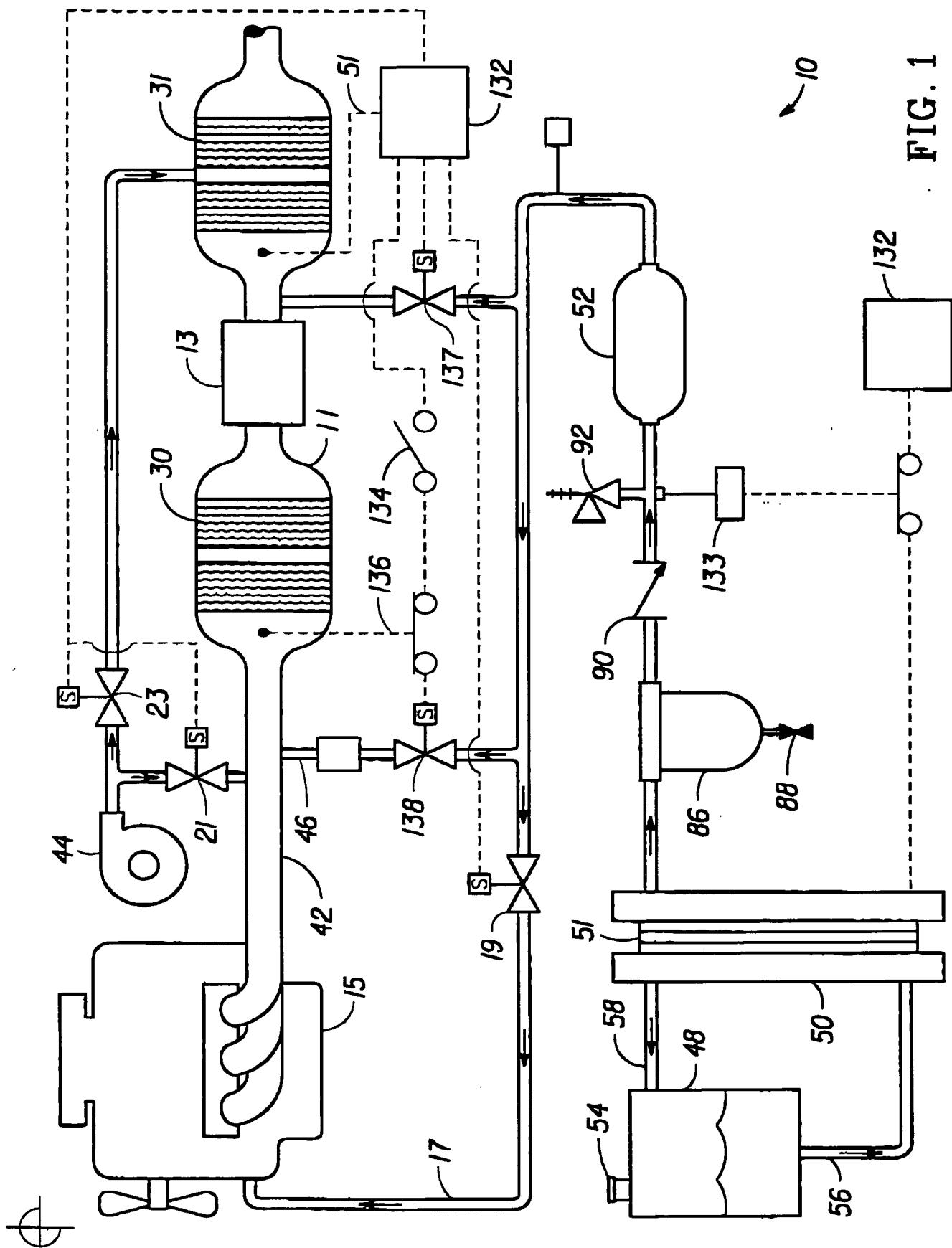
In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant asserts that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. In the event that any fees are necessary to make this response timely or in a condition for examination, please charge such fees against the undersigned attorney's deposit account 500714/Lynn/0088. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be beneficial or serve to expedite the present application, please contact me at your convenience.

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